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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Dominican Republic Situation Report

(Report as of 1:30 PM EST)

1. The regular Dominican military may be preparing to relinquish control of Radio Santo Domingo, which they seized during the evening of 6 January. According to unconfirmed press reports, erstwhile Armed Forces Secretary Rivera Caminero has said that the military will evacuate the premises of the radio station on the condition that its facilities not be used for political purposes. There is no indication whether Rivera will surrender the station to its normal management, and hence to the Provisional Government, or to representatives of the Inter-American Peace Force (IAPF).

2. In moving out of the radio station, the Dominican military could be seeking a way to ease tension and avoid a showdown with IAPF troops without otherwise relenting in their determination to force Provisional President Garcia Godoy to withdraw his decree posting prominent military leaders abroad. The military chiefs give every appearance of being prepared to wait out what they evidently calculate will be a turn-a-bout or resignation by the Provisional President.

3. There have been no other developments of significance since this morning's situation report. The OAS Council was to convene at noon today in Washington.

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